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need for removal of the child from the home. So I don't think it would in any way interfere with removing. I know it would not in any way interfere with removing a child who needs to be removed from a dangerous situation.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Have you finished, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. I think...I trust Senator Scofield, I know she's worked hard on this. It's just that I want to, for the record, make it clear that we are not making it more difficult to remove a child in a situation where they need to be removed. It seems apparent, Senator Chizek came up and told me that that's been taken care of. But this is a tough issue and this is...many of you have experienced this from calls from your district and sometimes there are some unbelievable things happening to these kids and I just don't want to be in any situation where we make it harder to get those kids out of a dangerous situation.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: And I think this bill doesn't do that, but...but that was a concern I wanted to see addressed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. Speaker and members, let me just follow up on that. We agree to the point Senator Wesely is making and I appreciate him raising that. And it is my belief that, in fact, that judges would be most cautious in making that determination and would always lean to the best interests of the child. But it's important to get that in the record. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, those in favor of the advancement of the bill, please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 635.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 635 is advanced. LB 638.

CLERK: Mr. President, 638 was a bill introduced by Senators Scofield, Landis, Moore, Marsh, Withem, Morehead, Warner, Barrett, Smith, Hall and Higgins. (Read title.) The bill was